

Consideration of the dedication of the Mouth of Blue River Nature Preserve in Harrison County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 469.97 acre area within the southwest portion of O'Bannon State Park, approximately 2 miles southeast of the town of Leavenworth. This nature preserve is located in the Escarpment Section of the Shawnee Hills Natural Region.

This Nature Preserve consists of topography that has several knobs, deep ravines, and steep bluffs along the Blue River and the Ohio River. Several high quality natural communities are found in the preserve including a glade, a white oak dominated mesic upland forest, and limestone outcroppings along the steep slopes above the rivers.

Noteworthy animal species found in this Nature Preserve include: two State Endangered species, the Eastern Woodrat and the Northern Cavefish; eleven Cave Invertebrate species consisting of two State Endangered, three State Threatened, one State Rare, and four Watch List species.

Noteworthy plant species found in this Nature Preserve include: two State Endangered species, the Long-awn Hairgrass and the Cleft Phlox; one State Threatened, the Pink Thoroughwort, five State Rare species, and three Watch List species.

This tract is owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs.

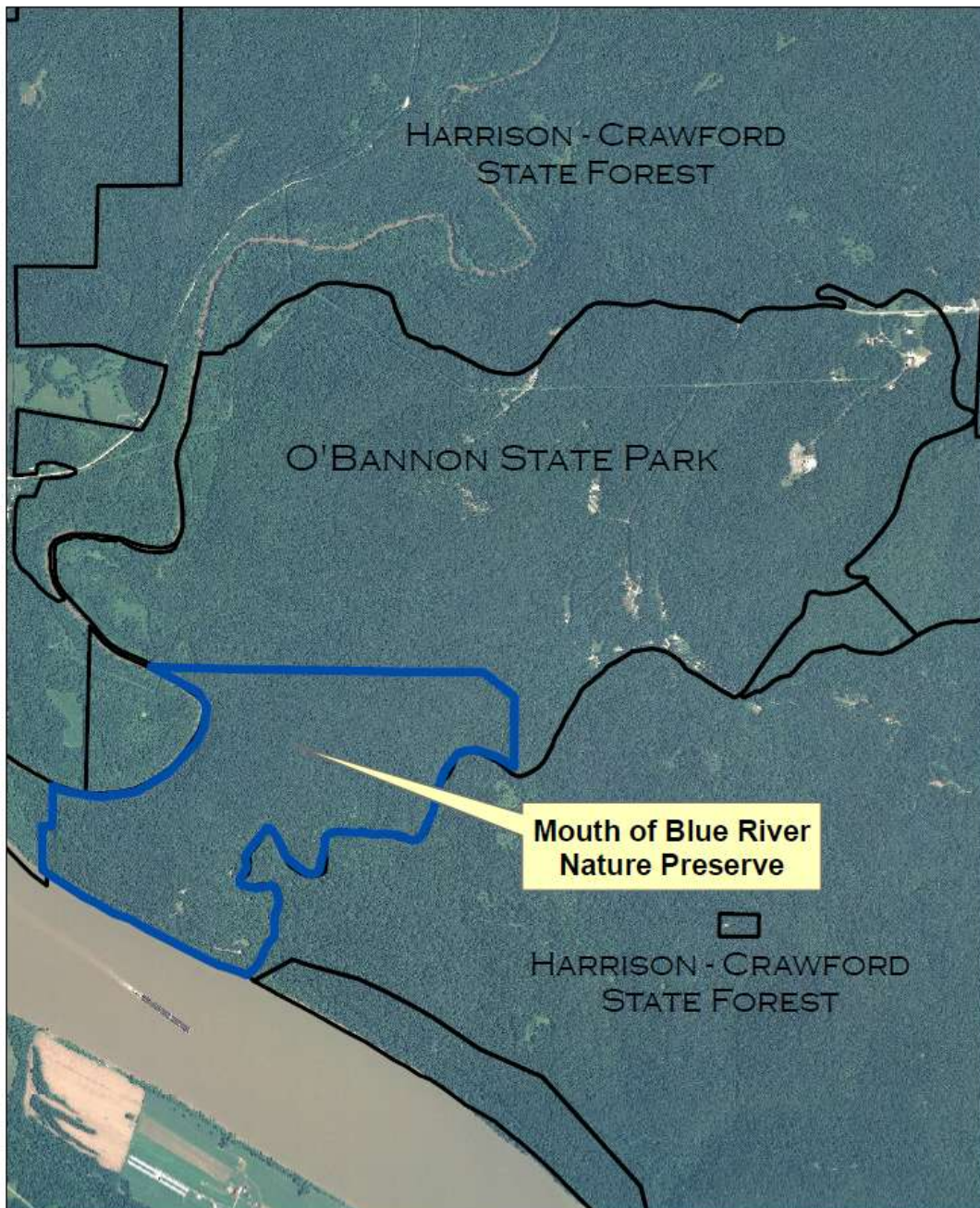
The Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs recommend dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves exhibit A.

Mouth of Blue River Nature Preserve Exhibit A

County: Harrison
Size: 469.97 acres

USGS Map: 7.5 Quad Leavenworth
Ownership: DNR State Parks & Reservoirs



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